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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, the Finance Secretary is the Second Member of the Board of Revenue. Does it mean that he performs the functions of the Secretary to Government, Finance Department, as also Second Member, Board of Revenue?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, the point is this. The Finance Secretary is not a Member of the Board of Revenue but he is on the super-time scale and would be drawing the pay and allowance as if he were a Member of the Board of Revenue.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is he drawing salary as Secretary, Finance Department, or Member, Board of Revenue?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : When I said 'He is on the super-time scale', it means that he draws his salary that is payable to the Member, Board of Revenue.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : If that Member of the Board of Revenue can look after the two jobs, then why not abolish the post itself?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : If I may explain, the Finance Secretary is also the Development Commissioner now. The Development Commissioner holds the status of the Member, Board of Revenue. There are five posts on the super-time scale, namely, three Members of the Board of Revenue, the Chief Secretary to Government and the Development Commissioner and persons seniormost and competent enough, would occupy those posts. There is no question of any one losing the pay and allowances and all that. There is also no question of anybody being paid extra pay or allowances because of this arrangement.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is there any proposal before the Government to abolish the Board of Revenue?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A separate question should be put.

Oriental Colleges

* 19 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number and the names of Oriental Colleges as on 1st April 1960?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, of these 15 colleges may I know how many are under the control of the Government and how many under the control of local bodies and aided institutions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry I do not have the particulars as to how many are under the different managements.

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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether the pay scales are uniform in all these colleges?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

II-A. *Vidwans*

* 20 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received from II-A Vidwans for admission to the Pandits Training Course during 1959–60; and

(*b*) the number selected for the course?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 12, Sir.

(*b*) None, Sir.

SRI M. PATANJALI SASTRI : Was none admitted to the college?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Nobody has been selected, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact, Sir, that of late a decision has been taken to admit Grade II-A Vidwans for this course?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The difficulty is they do not have the Tamil qualification which is necessary for this purpose. If properly qualified Vidwans in Tamil are not available we have said that such people also might be considered. But now I am afraid there are already too many Vidwans waiting to undergo the training. That is why it is not possible to select these Vidwans. And, Sir, no useful purpose will be served by selecting them because they do not get employment.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, my information is some of these Vidwans have been selected for the latest course. Will the Government see that the rest are selected?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question relates to 1959–60. None was selected and that is why we said that if qualified persons were not available these people could be selected. Under the circumstances then existing a few might have been selected but the position now in 1960–61 is quite different.

SRI M. PATANJALI SASTRI : Is this course open to Sanskrit pandits?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government see that the others are also given admission?

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have told the hon. Member many times that he should put it in the form of a supplementary question.